



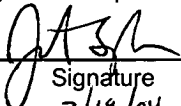
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In re Application of:

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For METAL ALKOXIDES AND
METHODS OF MAKING SAME

Examiner Colleen P. Cooke

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.